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SUBJ: BEIL VISIT TO US

1. GDR MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN TRADE STATE SECRETARY GERHARD
BEIL INFORMED MISSION OFFICER, SEPTEMBER 5, AT LEIPZIG FAIR
THAT HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL
TO SPEAK AT 61ST NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER 19 IN NEW YORK CITY. BEIL IS INTERESTED IN
VISITING US AGAIN BUT, AS HAS OFTEN BEEN CASE WITH
EAST GERMANS, HE IS CONCERNED THAT EVENT BE SUITABLE
AND APPROPRIATE TO HIS RANK. BEIL ASKED FOR MISSION
OFFICER'S ADVICE. MISSION OFFICER RESPONDED
THAT EAST GERMANS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE DECISION,
BUT VOLUNTEERED TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON NFTC,
CONVENTION AND IDENTITY OF INVITED PARTICIPANTS. MISSION
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE.

2. BEIL ALSO INQUIRED WHETHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN
STATE AND COMMERCE WOULD BE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO RECEIVE
HIM IN MID-NOVEMBER. MISSION OFFICER SAID HE WOULD MAKE KNOWN
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BEIL'S INTEREST TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE

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BEIL WOULD NOT SEEK SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSIONS, BUT IS INTERESTED ESSENTIALLY IN ORIENTATION VISIT.
PLEASE ADVISE.

3. BEIL SAID THAT IF VISIT SHOULD NOT MATERIALIZE IN 1974 HE
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TRAVELLING TO US IN FIRST QUARTER OF
1975. ON EITHER OCCASION HE WOULD WISH TO CONTACT
SEVERAL AMERICAN FIRMS: HE SAID HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A
TENTATIVE INVITATION FROM DOW CHEMICAL TO VISIT CORPORATE
HEADQUARTERS IN MIDLAND, MICHIGAN.

4. DECONTROL 12/31/75. SELIGMANN

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